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Application of: BURGES *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 2134

Application No.: 09/879,734

Examiner: Norman M. WRIGHT

Filed: June 12, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: CNF-001

Customer No.: 29626

For: "Electronic Deposit Box System"AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 1, 2005

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before April 4, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136Commissioner of Patents  
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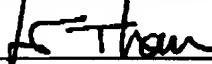
Sir:

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, for three months from January 4, 2005 to April 4, 2005. Submitted herewith is a credit card payment for \$510.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity.

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Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any  
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required fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1980.  
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 1, 2005
  
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### REQUEST FOR REFUND

Via Facsimile

Ms. Latrice Sims  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Office of Finance - Refunds Branch  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Deposit Account No. 501980 Overcharged

Sir:

On August 19, 2005, we received our USPTO monthly Statement of Deposit Account (copy enclosed). Upon our review, we found two (2) improper charges to our deposit account.

The two (2) improper charges are as follows:

1. July 12, 2005. Extension of Time fee (Fee Code 2253, Docket No. CNF-001), charged on July 12, 2005 in the amount of \$510.00. This fee was submitted with the proper filing papers and credit card authorization. Our American Express Account was charged in the proper amount on April 1, 2005, as highlighted on our attached American Express statement (redacted copy). Therefore, the Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$510.00 should not have been withdrawn from our PTO Deposit Account.
2. July 19, 2005. Excess independent claims fee (Fee Code 1201, Docket No. CNF-001), charged on July 19, 2005 in the amount of \$400.00. Applicant believes this charge is related to two (2) excess independent claims submitted in the above-identified application. However, applicant claims small entity status and is entitled to a 50% reduction in fees, so the amount charged should have been \$100.00 per claim rather than \$200.00 per claim. Therefore, our deposit account was overcharged by \$200.00.

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We request that our deposit account be credited in the amount of \$710, representing the \$510.00, and \$200.00 overcharges as detailed above. We further respectfully request this transaction be completed in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer R. Mahalingappa*

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Enclosures:

Copy of Monthly Statement of Deposit Account  
Redacted Credit Card Statement dated April 25, 2005

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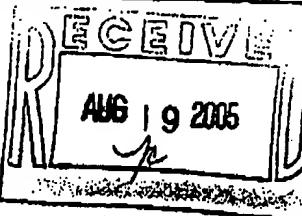
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Minimum Due  
\$0.00  
Balance Due  
\$0.00  
Points Available  
0.00

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Previous Balances  Current Balances  Available Credit  Cash Advance  Available Credit   
04/25/05  04/25/05  04/25/05  04/25/05

Credit Line Summary Total Credit Available Credit Due Cash Advance Available Credit   
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**TO:** Ms. Latrice Sims

**OF:** U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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**TELEFACSIMILE NO.:** 571-273-6500

**FROM:** Jennifer R. Mahalingappa, Esq.

**Re:** Refund Request to Deposit Account

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